

Mammoth Before Christmas Sale at Dibble's

Just two weeks remain of this year in which to reduce our enormous stocks preparatory to our first of the year inventory. Prices for this sale will be cut to the limit. We're counting upon your cooperation to enable us to make these last two weeks record breakers.

Come to the Store of Christmas Good Things—Lowest Prices in the West

Sugar —Best fine granulated, 17 lbs. for \$1.00	CARNATION MILK —7-5c cans for 25c; 10-5c cans for 40c; 100-lb. sack, \$5.80	Flour —Pride of Topeka; finest in the world—\$1.50 48-lb. sack, \$1.50 Special prices in 500 and 1,000-lb. quantities.
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North Topeka Store—Telephone 952 A. 1. Percolating Coffee—best coffee value in the world; 1-lb. cans, 22c Red Wolf Coffee, 1b. 23c	Credit Customers may have goods charged to their regular accounts during this sale, the same as usual.	South Topeka Store—Phone No. 3525 Pearl White Laundry Soap—finest in the world—\$8 bars for 25c 100-bar box \$3.10
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Horseshoe Tobacco, 1b. 40c All 10c Tobacco, 2 for 25c All 5c Tobacco, 6 for 25c	Post Toasties 15c Family pkg. 10c	Postum, 25c pkg. 20c 1000 lbs. Spare Ribs, 1b. 11c
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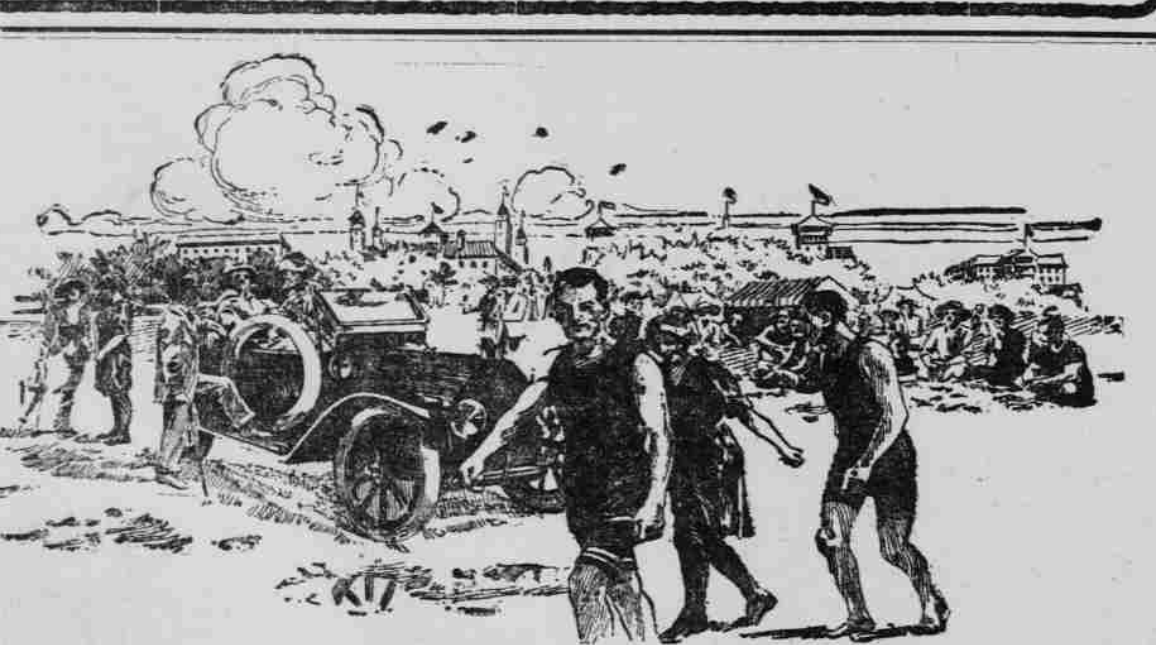
CANNED GOODS Tuna Fish, all white meat—No. 1 cans 10c; doz. \$1.20 No. 2 cans 12c; doz. \$1.75 Peaches, New Early June 1-10c cans for 25c; doz. 75c Pears—Belle of Brandon Sifted Sweet Pears—extra quality, 2-15c cans for 25c; doz. \$1.40 Punch Country Gentleman Sugar Corn, extra quality, 2-15c cans for 25c; doz. \$1.33 Pallas Fancy Red Kidney Beans, 2-10c cans for 25c; doz. 95c Pallas Green String and Golden Wax Beans, 2-15c cans for 25c; doz. \$1.33 Pimentos or Spanish Sweet Peppers, 2-15c cans for 25c; 6 for 60c Wildflower Red Salmon, No. 1 tall cans, 2 for 35c	CEREALS Cottage Sterilized Bran, 25c pk. 21c Cottage Wheat—Superior to Cream of Wheat, 2 pkgs. for 25c Cottage Rolled Oats, dehydrated, 2-15c pkgs. for 25c Cottage Pancake Flour, 2-15c pkgs. for 25c Wildflower Rolled Oats, 2-10c pkgs. for 25c Punch Country Gentleman Sugar Corn, extra quality, 2-15c cans for 25c; doz. \$1.33 Pallas Fancy Red Kidney Beans, 2-10c cans for 25c; doz. 95c Pallas Green String and Golden Wax Beans, 2-15c cans for 25c; doz. \$1.33 Pimentos or Spanish Sweet Peppers, 2-15c cans for 25c; 6 for 60c Wildflower Red Salmon, No. 1 tall cans, 2 for 35c	MISCELLANEOUS Select Eastern Shore Oysters, pint 25c; quart 50c Delicious Mince Meat, 2 lbs. for 25c Lingcod Herrings, 1b. 10c quart 18c Fancy Layer Pies, 1b. 20c New Golden Dates, 1b. 10c Dessert Cherries, red white and green, bottle, each 10c Jumbo Santa Clara Prunes, 2 lbs. for 25c Pure Pork Breakfast Sausage, 25c quality, 2 lbs. for 25c Pure Food Pearl Barley, 2-10c pkgs. for 25c Pure Food Bird Seed, 2-10c pkgs. for 25c Pure Food Pearl Tapioca, 2-10c pkgs. for 25c Punch Fancy Head Rice, 2-10c pkgs. for 25c Fancy Shelled Popcorn, 2-10c pkgs. for 25c Poultry Shell, 1b. 10c 100 lbs. 75c Special Mixture Chicken Feed, 25c and 50c Pearl Herring, 7 lbs. for 25c Excellence Pastry Flour—for fine cakes, pastries, etc., 10-lb. bag 50c Excellence Mince Meat—for delicious mince pies, 2-10c pkgs. 15c White Crystal Baking Powder—finest in the world, 1-lb. can 10c Laundry Blueing, large bottle, 10c Household Ammonia, large bottle, 10c Parson's Household Ammonia, 25c bottle, 10c Stove Polish or Blacking, 10c can for 25c
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Fancy Snowflake Hominy, 2-10c cans for 15c; doz. 85c Wolverine Canned Foods—finest in the world—every can guaranteed No. 3 cane Grand Duke Hums, per can 25c; doz. \$2.75 No. 2 Red Pitted Cherries, per can 30c; doz. \$3.00 No. 3 Golden Pumpkin, 2 cans for 25c; doz. \$1.40 No. 3 Small Green Limbs, per can 18c; doz. \$1.90 No. 2 Fancy Succotash, per can 15c; doz. \$1.65 No. 2 Extra Sifted June Peas, per can 20c; doz. \$2.00 Pure Food Baking Soda, 10c pkg. 7c Pure Food Cornstarch, 10c pkg. 7c	Christmas Candy and Nuts Tons and tons of Christmas goodies—biggest candy dept in the city. Fresh made Chocolate Creams, 1b. 10c Fascination Chocolate 40c value, 1b. 25c; 5 lb. box \$1.10 French Creams, 1b. 10c Assorted Bon Bons, 25 to 30c value, 1b. 10c No. 1 assorted Nuts, 25c value, 1b. 10c Shelled English Walnuts, new goods, 1b. 20c	CHURCHES, SCHOOLS, ETC. With each 25 lbs. of Candy purchased in our Christmas Candy dept. we will give free 100 candy sacks or 25 Candy boxes. The Morton Salt Company will have a special showing in size to all parts of the city, the same as usual. Telephone your order.
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The Christmas Store, 2nd floor of our 6th St. Store
Headquarters for gift goods; our handling costs are less than 1/2 that of the department stores, china and jewelry stores. You get the benefit in cut prices.

SPECIAL CHINA SALE All Fancy China and Dinnerware will be on sale the balance of this week at One-Fourth off of regular prices. 25c articles for 10c 50c articles for 25c \$1.00 articles for 75c Tuxedo Tobacco, 1/2 lb and 1 lb glass jars in the new Christmas package. Call and see this attractive holiday offering. Special Holiday Offering— A 5-lb. pkg. of No. 1 Assorted Nuts, 98c And an attractive Nut Set—(8 picks and 1 cracker free)	10 piece Casserole Sets, \$1.50 value, each 98c Fancy Ivory Jardiniers, each 33c Silver Mirror Plateaus, \$1.50 to \$3 Rogers 5-piece Child's Sets, each at 25c value, \$2.50 Rogers 3-piece Child's Sets, 60c to \$1.00 Rogers Baby Spoons 25c and 50c Pipes—a big assortment, each 25c Steel Runner Sleds, each 75c Pocket Knives, 25c to \$1.00 Japanese Fancy Baskets, a big assortment, at 10c to 25c Toys, all kinds at 10c to 25c A big assortment of 25c and 35c Salad Bowls, at each 10c
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THE DIBBLE
TWO—BIG STORES—TWO
Largest and lowest price grocery concern in Kansas—There's a Reason.



Bid goodbye to Old Boreas and fly down to Florida, where Old Sol bosses things. Work's well enough for folks who can't get away; but its dead wrong to pass up the good fortune that permits you to go. A day and a half; that's all the time it takes to reach Florida from Kansas City via Frisco Lines and Southern Railway—the direct route. The

Kansas City Florida Special
Leaves Kansas City at 5:55 p. m. and gets to Jacksonville 8:25 a. m. second day. All-steel train of coaches, sleeping cars and Fred Harvey dining cars.
Write the undersigned for new Florida literature and full information about fares and reservations.
J. C. LeVrier, Division Passenger Agent, Waldheim Building, Kansas City, Mo.

A Small Ad in the Want Columns of State Journal Brings Large Returns

BETTER SCHOOLS

Secretary Lane Urges Campaign for Rural Waking-Up.

Nation's Greatest Resource, 22,000,000 Boys and Girls.

TEACHERS SADLY UNDERPAID

Many Now Getting Less Than Farm Laborers.

Necessity for Leadership and Co-operation Emphasized.

Washington, Dec. 14.—In his forthright coming annual report, Secretary Lane suggests the need for a national campaign for a better rural school. He speaks of Young America, our 22,000,000 school boys and girls, as the chief resource of the Nation, and asks, "Are we doing all possible to develop this resource?" His report says:

"If there is any one of our institutions in which the American people take undisputed pride and of which they feel justly proud, it is the public school system, for this is the greatest of American inventions and the most successful social enterprise yet undertaken by any people. The United States maintains a bureau of education in this department, which, upon a small appropriation, collates as best it can the figures and facts which most inadequately tell the story of the growth and use of this most brilliantly conceived piece of governmental machinery."

Not Indifferent to Good Schools.
"The American people are not indifferent to their schools," Secretary Lane says. "They pay for their support almost as much as they do for the support of the entire federal government. In round numbers, three-quarters of a billion dollars a year, which keeps an army of 600,000 teachers at work. Education is their most sacred duty. It may be regarded, yet I am assured that it has made less progress than any of our other industries during the past thirty years. With all the marvelous record of what the mind of a quick people may produce to make life happier and more serviceable, how little can be shown as our contribution to the methods of improving the mind and spirit of the young! We have gone to Europe—to Italy, Switzerland, Germany and Denmark—chiefly for the new methods which we have experimented, and Japan has found a way to instruct through the eyes and hands that will give more practical people still more distinguished."

Heart of Community.
"Yet here and there under rare leadership may be found in this country the most striking proofs of what can be done to tie our schools to our life. The hope is eventually to make a school what it should be, and to make the mind and spirit of the young the heart of the community—social class and co-operative center as well as school."

There would seem to be nothing visionary in such a hope. To effect this evolution there is needed primarily leadership, and this the government must give if it is to realize the desire for a people who are both skilled and happy. The spirit of our people is against a paternal government. We do not take with us the authority that is mandatory. There is a sound belief that a people who make their own way are in the end richer and of stronger fiber than those who accept what is not the result of common determination. But this spirit of intense individualism does not make us indifferent to the standard of useful methods and helpful standards. And it is these that we can reveal. It is these that we should find and place in service, rather than force the disconnected schools of the land to feel their way out or muddle through. We may not command, but we may show how."

Democracy's Substitute for Absolutism
"This is democracy's substitute for absolutism in the effort to secure efficiency. For such policy of helpfulness there is abundant precedent, not only in the action of congress in making minor appropriations for the work of the bureau of education on precise lines, but in the activities of other departments. The country is dotted with experimental farms which prove soil values and the farmer of today is learning from the government how great and all embracing must be the knowledge necessary to the carrying on of his work, for he must know of chemistry, mechanics, markets and finance, transportation, and a world of things which his father or grandfather would have laughed at as the frills of a doctrinaire education, notwithstanding the early example of the wise and many-sided farmer who was the third president of this country."

"I have said in a previous report that the bureau of education should either be abolished or put to serious high purpose. I believe the latter to be the wise, in fact the necessary course. There is a real use for it. As in the bureau of mines, we seek to save the lives of miners by educating them in the use of explosives and life-saving apparatus and by instructing operators in safe ways of building their vast underground workshops, so I would erect the bureau of education into a bureau of educational methods and standards, in which would be gathered the ripe fruit of all educational experiments, upon which the schools of the country could draw. This is a wide country, and there is need for a national clearing house where can be centered and exchanged

the results of the most remote experiments.

Rural School Campaign.
"There is no disguising the fact that we have a most difficult problem in the United States—and I can not believe it is ours alone—in the rural community. A majority of our school children are in rural schools. The very crises, are our rural schools doing their part in making life in the country desirable? An ambitious people will go where education can be had for their children. There is no sense in talking of the charms of country life and the independence and dignity of producing from the soil if the school at command is no more modern than a wooden plow."

Secretary Lane here argues for a rural school campaign by which they may be so co-ordinated and combined as to make them efficient tools. He points out wherein newspapers may be of great service in this work. He deplores the fact that teachers get less for their labors than farm workers and urges the necessity for large co-operative effort "to give the whole country the benefit of the most successful country schools."

COLDS ARE PREVALENT

A Topeka Doctor Gives Some Advice Along the Wise Lane Prevention.

Sniffle, sniffle, snuff. So the la grippe brigade marches up and down Kansas avenue these days. These hacking, coughing individuals are not volunteers either. There has been a conspiracy.

"Conscription did I hear you say?" asks Dr. Wise. "You mean contagion." And so the doctor gave some curbstone advice about colds. The kind of advice that does not cost \$2 a throw. "Colds are caused by congestion, one part of the body gets a higher temperature than the rest. That's what causes the trouble this time of year," he explained. "The weather has a great deal to do with the condition because people are not prepared to dress for the kind of weather we are having and they are unable to heat their homes and business buildings properly. The room in which the student or office man works will become overheated and a window will be opened to cool off the atmosphere. Then there is a draught and someone catches a cold. It may be the stenographer but sooner or later it will get the boss."

Now there are a lot more causes for colds but these are the common garden variety of causes that can be understood by the layman. If you want to know more consult a medical dictionary.

COTTON SPINDLES HUM

Million More in Operation in November This Year Than in Same Month Last Year.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Activity in cotton spinning throughout the country was greater during November than in any month for some time. The monthly report of the census bureau issued today showed 3,437,435 cotton spindles were active during November, a greater number than at any time for several years. There were a million more spindles in operation than during November last year, and almost 100,000 more spindles of cotton were used than during November a year ago, the quantity in 1915 being 514,534 bales.

Ice Skates at Forbes—Adv.



Red Cross Christmas Seals Save Lives

Help in the Kansas fight against Tuberculosis by using Red Cross Christmas Seals—One Cent each—on all your letters and packages from now till Christmas.

Every cent you spend for these seals goes to save a life in your state or town.

If Red Cross Christmas Seals are not sold in your town, order from The Kansas Assn. for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, 412 Central Nat. Bank Bldg., Topeka, Kan.

The Music House

From The Music Maker

ACTROLA

"Many Reasons Why"

Everybody's Store for Useful Xmas Gifts

Auerbach & Guettel
The Palace
CLOTHING CO.



Here is an Xmas Present for You Men!

Tomorrow—a Startling Distribution of Extra Big Values in Hart Schaffner & Marx Fine Clothes, at

\$19.50

The Clothes are worth \$22.50 and \$25.00 and Even More

It is a Very Timely Opportunity

With Christmas so close at hand, we took advantage of Hart Schaffner & Marx' offer of 650 suits and overcoats made from their surplus yardage in all the very newest mid-winter models for both men and young men. The saving we made in this purchase we give you the full benefit of. With a rising market on all woollens, particularly the high class kind used by Hart Schaffner & Marx, this offer is of even more importance. If you have not bought your winter clothes yet here is your opportunity to save. Most men want a new suit and overcoat for Christmas wear; many ladies purchase suits and overcoats as Christmas gifts. To both of you this sale should appeal in the most urgent manner. It is a great offer of the finest clothes made in America, backed by the conscientious recommendation of the southwest's greatest store.

THE SUITS for both men and young men are made up in the very newest soft rolling lapels, with patch, slant or flap pockets. Close fitting or conservative models, single or double breasted vests, in the very best of novelty fabrics and colors, including some blue-serges. Similar fabrics and styles we sold earlier in the season for \$22.50, \$25.00 and upwards, **\$19.50** now.

THE OVERCOATS include both the single and double breasted models, fly front or button through; close fitting coats, the new Balmorals, Great Coats, Storm Coats, in beautiful plain and fancy fabrics. The same goods, many of them, we sold earlier in the season ourselves, at \$25.00 and more. **\$19.50** We Can Fit Any Size Man or Young Man

With Xmas Nearing— a Xmas Sale in Xmas Gifts

Christmas nearly here—Lots of Xmas gifts to buy—Palace on the job again with special sales on the very things you want.

House Coats
Made of two-tone golf cloth; very beautifully tailored coats, the usual value is \$7.50. You will find them here pay day in all \$5.00 sizes and many colors, at \$5.00

Men's Sweaters
Fine, knitted, worsted sweaters, double shawl collars, double-over loops, two pockets; sport \$5.00 sizes 36 to 46, tomorrow **\$2.50** special

Big Shirt Offer at \$1.00
We are placing on special sale tomorrow an extra fine lot of men's shirts, all sizes, all colors, all styles. Among them you will find the famous Crystal Shirts. Shirts that are sold in every store in America at \$1.50. While they last tomorrow **\$1.00**. They are yours for the asking of them all, at \$1.00

Grand Pay Day Boys' Bargains
Bargain—Boys' 2-Pant Suits, Pay-day... **\$2.95**

Rousing Sale Boys' Mackinaws, \$2.95

Your boy wants a Mackinaw Coat these days and here's a chance to make a saving—A pile of old wearing fabrics in all this season's newest colors and patterns—a double-breasted, with shawl or convertible collar—A lot of boys' 10 to 15 year olds—worth \$2.50—To-morrow **\$2.95** special price.

Banister Winter Shoes at Reduced Prices

UNREASONABLE weather forces us to sacrifice our stock of Banister fine winter shoes. Many of the lines are as yet unbroken. This famous line of shoes will be sold at such low prices that they ought to melt away like snow-balls in July sun. All the lasts you know included. Banister \$6.00 \$7.00, \$8.00 and \$9.00 winter shoes, at sale price of

\$4.85 and \$5.85